

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 13, 2006, Claims 1-7, 15-20, 28, 30-33, 40-46 and 61-67 are pending and are rejected.

Specifically, claims 28, 30-33 and 61-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In an effort to favorably advance prosecution of the present case, Applicants have canceled claims 28, 30-33 and 61-67 without prejudice. Thus, the §112, first paragraph rejection of these claims is rendered moot and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 15-20, 28, 30-33, 40-46 and 61-67 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-7, 10-15, 18-24 and 27-32 of U.S. Patent 6,265,211, issued from the parent case.

Applicants provide herewith a terminal disclaimer to disclaim any excess term of the patent issuing from the present application relative to the term of U.S. Patent 6,265,211. As such, the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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